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PATENT
Case No. 396/350

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ED KANDEL)
Serial No. To Be Assigned) Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: October 16, 2001)
For: PROCESS FOR COMBINED) Group Art Unit:
PLEATING OF FILTER MEDIA)
AND MOLDING OF FILTER)
ASSEMBLY)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment and consider the following remarks:

In the Specification:

At page 1, and immediately above line 3 which reads "Field of the Invention" please insert the following: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/244,575, filed October 30, 2000. --

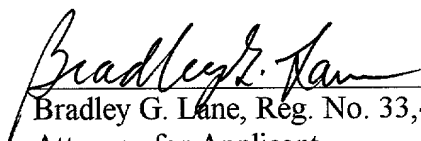
REMARKS

Applicant claims the benefit of the co-pending and earlier filed U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/244,575, filed October 30, 2000. The Examiner is respectfully requested to note this U.S. continuation claim, and to make it of record in this patent application.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a clean page denoted "1A" is attached hereto at the end of this Response that reflects the foregoing requested paragraph insertion.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would be helpful in resolving any issues, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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1A – MARKED UP

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FOOTNOTES